EXITE - THE MED AT, HOVEHUER SE, 1850. the silver five-frame pieces at the The state of the state of the subject of so much discussion has, which has been the subject of so much discussion has, is furnished in the fact that these coins now command a of the per cent. for export. During the last week or the last week or the last week or the last last last \$2500 have been shipped in Aresther significant fact is, that American quarters are of less relative value than the French coins, and have seen been paid in exchange for them. For this expect demand the French pieces are worth two per cent. more than the new American coins. We trust that these facts will the factory of all that has been said in the government organ of late against the French coins, and most certainly over-turns all the arguments advanced by that presuming journal on the subject of our maintaining in circulation coins of only a ficti-

few, however, are anxiously looked for ; among them the Faith, Vernon, Thes. Dickason, Detaware, Waitus and Amoor. Our list on the fourth page embraces 221 whalers. The arrivals and extchings thus far are as follows :

Ships. Total Oil.

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Ships. 35,775 bbis.

Ochotsk. 103 61,380 bbis.

Sperm-whale grounds. 4 1,410 bbis. The average for the entire northern Seet this season will prob-

ably not estored \$20 bbis. Last season it was 620 bbis The reports received from the United States by the last mail to grace were very favorable. An increased and and for the Pacific guanes was reported, and large sendy demand for the Pacific guanes was reported, and ineduction of every new article, time alone is wanted to test its Sity and bring it into general use. Our report of the charter of the Jesiah Bradles having been contradicted in the govern-ment organ, we would state that she has been chartered at \$10 25 (the figure named last week). The amount of her touage, however, was given in that connection by mistake.

The ship Bouedites, of Warren, recently from a whaling

craise at the north, has been sold for the guano trade. The terms have not transpired, but are understood to be about \$4000, The Yankee has her cargo engaged, and is only awaiting the teriwal of the Kalama from Hilo, which vessel is expected by day. The bark will get away about the 30th. She will be ed about the 6th of December by the Watelet, Capt. vain, now nearly rendy to take in cargo for San Francisco for whaling gear was soid at anction on Tuesday, and realized generally very low figures.

Trade has been very brisk during the past week and

soney abundant. Auction sales, however, have not bee

Moon's Phases at Honolulu, in December. New Moon, Nov. 24, 3 h., 197 m., M. First Quarter. 2 3 25.9 M. Lost Quarter. 16 10 51 3 M. Pall Moss... 9 4 48.6 A. New Moss... 23 7 23.2 A. LATEST DATES, received at this Office.

Fon San Francisco-per Yankee, Nov. 30. For Language Per Manuok awai to-day. For Estat—p r Excel, Friday. For Hilo—per Kaluna, Friday or Saturday

Shipe' Maile.

PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

For full reports of Whalers, see 4th page.

ARRIVALS. Nov. 17-Am wh ship Maria Theresa, Coop, fm Ochotsk, 70 wh, 900 bone, season; 470 wh, 16,600 bone, voyage.

this season.

18—Am which Bowditch, Martin, from Ochotsk via Lahaina, 850 wh, 10,500 bone, season; 50 sp, 2500 wh, 34,000 bone, voyage.

19—Am seh Toundo, Keller, Mays from Post Townsend, with lumber to H. Hackfeld.

18. Am which Products Health for Ochotsk 450 wh with lumber to H. Hackfeld.

19—Am wh ship Euphrates, Heath, fm Ochotsk, 450 wh,
6000 bone, season; 50 sp, 1250 wh, 16,090 bone,

19 Russian brig Constantine, Lindholm, from Ochotsk, 600 wh, 6000 bone. 500 wh, 6000 bone. seian wh bark Græfer Berg, Enberg, from Ochotsk, 500 wh, 6000 bone, season; 700 wh, 7000 bone,

voyage.

19—Haw wh brig Victoria, Fish, to cruise.

28—Am wh bark J. D. Thompson, Clifford, from Ochotsk,

500 wh, 12,000 bone.

31—Sch Kamoi, Wilbur, from Lahalna.

33—Sch Moikeiki, Wetherby, from Maul, with native

Nov. 27-Am wh bark Gratitude, Davis, to cruise.

DEPARTURES

27—Am wh bark Gratitude, Davis, to cruise.

27—Sth Keenl Ana. for Kona.

27—Sth Moikelki, Wetherby, for Kahului.

27—Sth Maria, Noiteon, for Lahaina.

28—Am wh bark Lark, Perkins, to cruise and home.

29—Am wh bark Martha 2d, Daly, to cruise.

29—Am wh bark Midas, Tuttle, to cruise.

29—Haw wh brig Kohola, Corsen, to cruise.

29—N G bk Napoteon, Clark, for Callao.

21—French wh ship Minslow. Couperi, to cruise.

21—Am wh ship Jason, Hache, to cruise.

21—Am wh ship Ciocinnati, Williams, to cruise an

21—Am wh ship Washington, Purrington, to cruise.

21—Am wh ship Washington, Purrington, to cruise.

23—Eth Henry, McGregor, for Kawaihae.

23—Haw sch Liholiho, Kapuahi, for Hilo.

MEMORANDA.

Ship Merie Theresa, Coop-Has cruised in the Ochotsk, with plenty of fee, but very few whales, and those shy. Took the drat whale let of May, and last on 10th of August. Left the ground 6th October, and came through the 50th passage on the 12th, with good weather. In lat. 46° N., had a heavy gale from N.W., but commencing at S.E., which lasted 24 hours ; not a main top-ult; after that had good winds and fine weather

ainder of the passage.

Bountitch, Martin-Reports having cruised in the
L. Hart very basi weather in September; saw great
tion of ice, and whales were scare and very wild. Took me whale 7th June, and the last on 13th Sept. Left the chaling ground 21 October, with picasant weather all the pasner Tourse, Keller-Has had rough weather all the

tip Euphrates, Besth-Has cruised in the Ochotsk and noter Bay, with pieusant weather the first part of the season, but stormy in the latter part; met plenty of ice off shore; saw very few whales. Took the first on the 15th July, and last on fith Sept. Left Ochotak City 11th October, and came through he 50th passage on the 16th, with fine weather. In lat. 460 idian, had very heavy weather, after that had

sian brig Grafer Berg, Enberg-Cruised in the Ochotsk, all the time ; saw pienty of whales, but too wild to catch. Left the whaling ground 30th October; had alroug westerly breezes and fine weather all the way down to

Bark J. D. Thompson, Clifford—Has cruised in the Ochotak, ith bed weather all the season; saw great number of whales in W. Bay, but the weather was too rough to lower. Took the first whale 17th July, and last on 19th October. Left the whaling round 19th October, and came through the 50th passage lat of for. 5 just before arriving there, had a very heavy gale, baron-ter down to 27 8; from thence to Honolulu, had fair weather

VESSELS IN PORT-NOV. 24.

follows.

"The Representation of the people shall be based on the principle of equality, and shall be forever regulated and appointed according to the population, to be ascertained by the official census. In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty, and every tenth year thereafter the number of Representatives shall be fixed by the Legislature, agreeably with this and the Astricus 5. Article 77 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"No person shall be eligible for a Representative of the people, who is insane or an idiot, or who shall at any time have been convicted of any infamons crime, or unless he be a male subject or denizen of the kingdom, who shall have rrived at the full age of twenty-five years, who shall know how to read and write, who shall understand accounts, and who shall have resided in the hingdom for at least one year immediately preceding his election, and who shall own real estate within the kingdom, unincumbered, of the value of at least One Thousand Dollars, or who shall have an annual income of at least One Thousand Dollars."

400 THE SECTION OF THE SECTION The just Legislature has the flower, by to

PAS For San Francisco—per Architect, Nov. 16—Mrs Palmer an children, Mrs Reid, Messra Mellen, Sherman, Applewhite apt. Blackman, Waide, Willeston, Foster, Coit, Dana and Weet

PORT OF LAHAINA.

ARRIVALS.

DEPARTURES.

16—Ship Cambria, Pease, for coast of South America-17—Bark Tenedos, King, to cruise and home. 17—Ship Bowditch, Martin, for Honolulu. 17—Ship Marcla, Billings, to cruise South. 17—Merchant brig Deva, Berry, for Australia, 18—Ship Othelio, Killmer, for New Zealand.

On the 15th instant, Joseph Marghan, junr., son of the late

Capt. J. Maughan, aged 2S years.
At Lahaina, Nov. 21, Lydia Kalola, daughter of Jesse
Crowningburg, aged 8 months and 27 days.
On board the Brutus, July 22, Roza, a native of Tahiti.
On board the Amazon, August 18, Dara, a native of Oahu.
On the 30th, Raymosp Sastos, a native of Guam.
On board the Covington, June 3d, Stephen Silvia, 3d officer,

On board the bark Alice, of consumption, August 31, Lewis

IARTING, a native of Guam.
On board the ship Adeline, 1st of Oct., HARRY ROBOTONGO,

hese Islands. On board the bark Dromo, 12th January, a kanaka nam

THE PACIFIC

THURSDAY, NOV. 24.

Commercial Advertiser.

The Legislature of 1860.

This number of our paper will hardly have

reached the remote districts of the islands before

the subject of the general election for Representa-

tives of the People in the next Legislature will

ecome the principal theme of discussion. If

here is any canvassing for the honors, emolu-

nents and responsibilities of the office, it is con-

lucted very quietly and with an entire absence of

party warfare, of platforms, of principles, and

stump speaking, as much so as if the whole peo-

ple and government were perfectly unanimous on

every subject, or perfectly indifferent to the de-

cision upon any. In political matters, the Ha-

waiian people are certainly the most quiet, and

in this respect offer a worthy example to older

nations. Not that they are indifferent to the

questions of national polity brought up from

year to year, but they look at them in a more

reasonable way, and with less show of frenzy and

Our Constitution provides for but one general

election-that of representatives to the national

Legislature, which, according to a recent amend-

ment of that instrument, sits biennially. This

mode of allowing the people to exercise a voice in

the enactment of the laws which are to govern

them is no doubt a healthful provision, although

its introduction has been viewed as a step in ad-

vance of the necessities of a semi-civilized race.

This might be true, were it not that a foreign ele-

ment is incorporating itself into the body politic.

and increasing in strength each year, and des-

tined soon to be the controlling, law-making in-

fluence in the nation. The amendment to the Con-

stitution, now before the people for approval or re-

jection, requiring a property qualification, would,

more than any other measure that could have

been raised, tend to exclude the native race from

the Legislature, and place that body in the exclu-

sive hands of foreigners. Whether this would be

There are considerations at the present which

should induce every good citizen to take sufficient

interest in our politics to see that his district is

well represented, or, if necessary, make him will-

ing to sacrifice his own private interests for a lit-

tle season, and offer his own services as a mem-

ber. For a sacrifice it is, to most foreigners, to

serve for the beggarly pay which the laws and

Constitution prescribe. Three dollars per diem

poorly compensates for an absence from one's own

sland, and a residence in this expensive city. It

illy pays the interruption to business of those

who belong here. But if philanthropy and duty,

names so often prostituted, are not mere names of

dead virtues, and do influence men in public ser-

vice, they may be appealed to, to secure a House of

Representatives of the best men in the kingdom.

Under the New Code, judges are excluded from

the Legislature-which is probably one of the

best provisions passed in that enactment. Had

the same rule been applied to all government em-

ployees, its influence in freeing that body from

the control of the ministry would be healthful to

the prosperity of the kingdom. The House of

Representatives ought to be composed of men

of the ministry, and the exclusion of judges is a

Topics of prime importance will be brought up

before the next Legislature for discussion, and

must in some way be disposed of. The first sub-

ject introduced will doubtless be the amendments

to the Constitution, passed at the last session, at

the recommendation of the King. As these are

quite important, we publish them as they appear

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED AND AGREED TO PERSUANT TO THE 105TH ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION.

RESOLVED, by the King, the Nobles and the Representa-tives of the Hawaiian Islands in Legislative Council

ARTICLE 1. Article 55th is hereby amended so as to read

ollows :
"The King's Ministers are eligible to the House of Representa-

tives, excepting those who have been created Members of the House of Nobles by Royal Patent, and they have the right to be heard in the House of Representatives when accused of mal-ad-

ARTICLE 2. Article 70th is hereby amended so as to read a

follows:

"The members of the House of Representatives shall receive as compensation for the entire sum of service the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars out of the public treasury, to be paid in such proportion during the session as the Legislature may prescribe, and with such sum for mileage as may be provided

prescribe, and with such sum for mileage as may be provided for by law."

ARTICLE 3. Article 72d is hereby amended so as to read as

he King appoints the members of the House of

who hold their seats during life, unless in case of resignation, or for such a term of years as may be prescribed by Royal Patent, subject to the provision of Article 67th; but their number shall

step in the right direction.

a wise change, time alone can develop.

18-Ship Reindeer, Ashley, to cruise and home, 18-Ship Julian, Winegar, for New Zealand.

But the subject of the most vital importance, v. 16—English brig Deva. Berry, 21 days fm San Francisco
bound to Australia—put in for water.

18—Am wh ship Othello. Killmer, last from Hilo, 400 wh
4000 bone, season; 850 wh, 8000 bone, voyage
300 wh, on board.

18—Am wh bark John P. West, Tinker, from Ochotsk
40 sp, 1360 wh, 12,000 bone.

18—Am wh ship Julian. Winegar, from Arctic, 130 wh
2000 bn, season; 50 sp, 130 wh, 2000 bn, voyage.

19—Am wh ship Reindeer, Ashley, last fm Hilo, 900 wh
11,000 bone, season; 30 sp, 4200 wh, 50,000 bone
voyage; 1900 wh, 19,000 bone, on board.

19—Am wh bark Louisa, Hathaway, from Ochotsk, 50 sp
390 wh, 4000 bone, season; 150 sp, 1700 wh, 24,000
bone, voyage. and which was supposed to have been quietly put at rest, after the strong and unanimous opposition it met in the last session, is what the Polynesian of November 5th speaks of, evidently by ministerial authority, as "the liquor question, in all its multifarious relations, which was sacrificed last year, and we hope for the last time, to the unreasoning objections, untenable in the face of facts, and working evil through its disregard of physiological require-"ments; a question embracing not only the " manufacture of wine, but also the manufac-"ture of brandy, rum and okolehao." This question was the "piece de resistance" of the last session : if again brought forward, we doubt not it will be that of the coming one. It was then "sacrificed" by the unwavering and praiseworthy opposition of a very large majority of the Representatives, and, if we rightly judge, an op-

position which has been, and will be, sustained

by the whole nation.

amendments. Their influence, if finally

dopted, upon future Legislatures, by short-

lidates who have not a certain property qualifi-

cation, is too important to have escaped the con-

ening the sessions, and by suppress

ideration of the constituencies.

The opinions of this journal upon the subject of opening an unrestricted liquor traffic to the natives were fully expressed during the discussion in the last Legislature. They are not only unchanged, but strengthened by further observation, reflection, and the untenable "theories" advanced by the ministerial organ, if mere suppositions can be called theories. The action of the Lower House, we are happy to know, was supported by the most intelligent part of the community, and by all who desire the welfare of the native race. It was supported, not alone by that section who are sometimes charged with being ascetics in morals, but also by those who would be allowed by our cotemporary to be liberal enough in their views, but who see clearly in all history the results which too surely follow the use of ardent spirits by people unaccustomed to self restraint and not compelled to steady industry. Does any man doubt what would be the fate of the Hawaiian people if there were licensed drinking saloons in every street fitted with accommodations for natives and furnished with liquors for every native's money, drinks for a rial and drinks for a hapaumi, and all potent to inebriate, madden and poison; if what is now felt to be a curse to the nation when it is conducted cautiously and illicitly, were thrown open and sanctioned by law, with no limit to the traffic but a rapidly increasing taste for drink and means to procure it? Time was when a man who dared to speak a word in help of his poor inebriate fellow-mortals was scorned by the official gazette as a hypocrite and an ascetic. But happily, even in our cosmopolitan community, the labors of the " Dashaways" have shown that a change in pubagitation, than is the case in older countries. lic sentiment can be effected, and even the govern- judge, but still these facts are worthy of note, ment organ has so far changed as to cease to call those hypocrites who aim to check and limit the devastating power of rum. Any minister who

> a veto more powerful than ever vet felt. We cannot hope, through the medium of an English newspaper, to address the body of this nation. We must speak to foreigners-to those whose interests are bound for life with the prosperity of this country, and who have a deep, and unselfish interest in the welfare of this race. It is our conviction that its very life and perpetuity depends upon the decision of this question; and so thinking, we would urge foreign subjects, who speak the native tongue and whose interests are identified with Hawaiians, to present themselves as candidates. You, more than most natives, can foresee the consequences of a wrong decision. You, better than they, know your rights as members of the Legislature of a Constitutional Government, and will not be easily moved from the opinions which you have adopted. A large foreign element will give the representative branch of the Legislature firmness, dignity

will risk his reputation on a revival of this liquor

question, will find public sentiment point the fin-

ger of pity and scorn at his misconceived philan-

thropy, and condemn his political measures with

and importance. The session is not likely to be a long one, the bulk of the legislation for some years we trust having been accomplished by the Legislature of

1858, and it will probably not exceed sixty days. While we place the liquor question foremost, there are other matters of importance and difficulty, which will demand the attention of the Legislature. By that time the New Code will have come to its bearings in every department of business. The adjustments needed to make it work quite satisfactory, may then be seen; we hope they may be few, and be made once for all, if such a thing is possible in law making. There will be to be discussed amendments to the revenue laws, the whole subject of the military or militia. which for want of time was dropped out of the draft of the New Code: amendments to the system of taxation and al ment, and to the postal

who are entirely beyond the control or influence It might well be considered, too, whether some offices at present existing might not be with advantage abolished, and some new ones instituted with equal advantage. Among the latter we will mention an auditor of public accounts, and with him a stricter responsibility in regard to all losses, even accidental so called. A public translator, who should officially translate into the native or the English language all laws, reports and other matters required to be published in both languages, and be responsible for correct proof reading as well as translation, is an officer much needed. The want of such a person has caused he loss to the government of nearly one thousand dollars this year in the publication of the native

> We have not attempted to give a full outline or even mention, all the subjects demanding the attention of the next Legislature; but enough perhaps has been suggested to support our proposition that the Legislature of 1860 ought to be

> EAORDINAIRE.-On Satur day night. ing at the gateway of his residence opposite the Methodist Chapel, some light fingered thief came along and being tempted by the appearance of the addle, which was nearly new, and thinking, perhaps, that he had a better right to it than its owner, very coolly took it off the horse's back and quietly disappeared. On the owner coming out, he was of course rather astonished to find his saddle-non est. Such glaring acts of theft and rascality, call for increased vigilance on the part of the native police.

CLEAR SIDEWALKS .- It is a rule strictly observed n civilized cities, that the sidewalks should be kept clear, especially of quadrupeds. It is a most comnon practice in Honolulu to frequently leave horses standing for a long time right across the sidewalka practice that is very annoying, especially to the softer sex. This is a great nuisance, and should be

B. T. Nicolas, Esq., the late Acting British sioner and Consul General, died on board the ship Pizarro, on her passage to Bremen. This sad news will be much regretted by all who had the pleasure of Mr. Nicolas' acquaintance here.—Poly.

LATE JOHN PITE.—The schooner Ralune ar this morning from Hawall, with the remains of the prince, who is said to have been the high-later islands, asserting by the passions.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Honnista Municipal One of the most afrocious anday morning last, the unfortunate victim being a native woman named Louika, the wife of a Chinaman, Ahyan, in the employ of J. M. Smith & Co., druggists, corner of Fort and Hotel sts. At the time of the murder, about 3 o'clock, A. M., Ahyan and his wife were asleep in their room, which was entered by some unknown person, armed with a hatchet and large butcher-knife, who attacked the woman and stabbed her very severely in the leg and abdomen, and immediately fied. She cried out and roused her husband, who on getting out of the bed, in some way cut his own arm with one of the weapons. both of which had been left by the murderer. Several physicians were immediately called in, but the wounds were so severe that the woman died about three hours after. A coroner's jury was summoned by the Sheriff on Sunday, but no satisfactory evience could be obtained.

-Yesterday, we learn that the weapons used were dentified, and some evidence had been obtained, which implicated a chinaman in the employ of Mr. C. Brewer, as having been concerned in the murder, either as principal or accessory. An examination has been held and enough has transpired to show that the purpose was to destroy the life of Ahyan, and that the woman was probably killed by mistake. It is reported that a quarrel had taken place among four or five of the chinamen. Ahyan among them, the result of which was that the others determined to destroy his life. These are the reports as they are current, and may not prove correct. Yesterday afternoon the oroner's jury having obtained evidence, rendered their verdict, the substance of which is, that the woman Louika came by her death, through injuries received from a sharp weapon, and inflicted by the hand of Ahjo; who was accordingly committed.

OCHOISK ROUTE.-We have observed, by noting carefully the various passages made by the whalehops this and other seasons, from the Ochotsk to Honolulu, that those vessels that preferred running down their longitude, while in a high parallel of atitude, on account of the fewer number of miles to a legree of longitude, have suffered more from the severity of the weather prevailing in those latitudes, and that any time gained by taking that route, has found a full off set by loss of sails, spars, and sundry other damage; while other ships which have, upon getting clear of the Kurile passages, steered well southward, thereby getting quicker into the milder parrailels although probably a little longer on their passage, have generally come into port less damaged and sea worn, and in consequence incur far less expense during their sojourn in Honolula. A striking instance of this is shown by the track of the whaleship Bowditch, under the command of Captain Martin, who has kindly shown us his route. It is evident that when the heavy gale first originated about 48° N. and started on a N. E. direction, the Bowditch must have been a little to the N. W. of that starting point. Had she steered any thing to the eastward of N. E., it is most probable she would have come in contact with the storm's track. As it was, she was steering far more southerly, and so escaped quite clear of it. We do not presume to direct those far more qualified to

THE LATEST FROM THE ARCTIC,-We have endeavored to give full reports of the ships cruising up North the past season, but the following, sent to us from Lahaina, eclipses everything given :

Report of the ship Flying Typhoon, Spunyarn, master, last from the North Pole, having on board 000 brls sperm, 000 whale oil, and considerably less bone.

Oct. 20, the French electric frigate Napoleon X., came in collision with one of the ventilating towers of the Bhering Straits Submarine Railroad, and was so seriously damaged that she soon sunk in 100 fathoms water.

Nov. 1, lat. 40 ° 00 N., long. 170 ° W., spoke the balloon Ancric, of the New York and Pekin Line, and heard that the island of Nantocket, which had suddenly disappeared, had again made its appearance above water, very little damaged by its submersion—and would be repaired, and soon be in as good condition as ever.

Nov. 2, spoke Chinese junk Ha Chin, Capt. Joss Fun, 21 days from Shanghae, bound to San Francisco—she reports the Island of Chusan still aground, and no hopes of getting it fiffoat. The Insurance Company refuse to pay the insurance, alleging the Island to have been deficient in spars—especially in chopsticks. The Mandarin of the Pewter Button refuses any further advances, and the fish-women of the Island are in open revolt; the prospect is, that the Empire will again be plunged into the horrors of un-ivil war. Should this be the case, no doubt an unprecedented rise in the price of tea and putty will be the consequence, and the small quantity of these articles now in the nence, and the small quantity of these articles now in the makes the prospect look serious. It is to be hoped narket makes the prospect look serious. It is to be hoped the United States Government will interfere before it is too late. Sept. 30, spoke the American whaleship Bangup, Bunker, of New Bedford, in lat. 89 ° 30, with about the same oil and bone hat we have. The Bangup had seen several whales this scanon near the Pole, and had been very fortunate, not getting two, and coming very near another, which she did'nt get. Captain Bunker intended to cruise till December, and then go home

through Davis' Straits.

The Flying Typhoon, being rigged with one of Cracker & Co.'s Patent Ice Breakers, succeeded in forcing her way through the ice, and entering the open sea in July, got near a whale on the 15th, in lat. 84 ° 10 N., long. 110 W. The next day saw ther, and when within a mile of him, fired at him with one of Bonner & Blitzen's new guns, but the gunner miscalculating the distance, the bomb passed over the whale, and, unfortunately, took effect upon a Greenland schooner, sinking her upon the spot, with all hands on board. No blame can be attached to the nner, as the mirage made the distance appear greater that really was.

THE JAPANESE CURRENCY, AGAIN .- Since our last ssue we have received the following note from Japan. by which it appears that the currency has been restored to its former basis :

U. S. COMMERCIAL AGENCY, Hakodadi, August 20, 1859. To the Editor of the Commercial Advertiser at Honolulu: Sin :- A few days ago, Mr. Rice, the U. S. Commercial Agent at this port, informed you of the sudden change of the currency in Japan. Mr. Rice is at present not here; during his absence I am acting in his place, and therefore I deem it my duty to inform you that the old currency is adopted againthat is, the Mexican dollar is worth one hundred cents, and all other silver coin according to weight. I am sir, respectfully.

Your obrdient servant, FRED. WILKIE. Acting Vice U. S. Commercial Agent.

AMUSEMENTS .- Those talented artists, the Bell Ringers, left last week for a visit to Lahaina, where they arrived on Saturday morning, after rather a rough passage. They performed on Monday and Tuesday, and will return to Honolalu this week, and probably be here Friday or Saturday morning. We hope they will meet at Lahaina as liberal a patronage as they deserve. For the last few nights, Mitchell's Minstrels have been performing at the Theater in this city, but at present are at the Merchants' Exchange. We notice that Lee & Benedict's Circus, is daily expected here. Among the variety of amusements, the tastes of Honolulu people ought to be

A Good Joke .- An American whaler, burning scraps to try out her oil in the night, was seen by the steamship Circussian, and mistaken for a burning ressel. The Circassian went out of her way to afford relief. The N. Y. Courier & Enquirer says:

"The practice of burning scraps by whalers to try out their oil at sea by night is not common. The incident in question, by those who witnessed and heard it, was said to be an isolated one. If such a practice is getting in use, it should be inquired into and abolbonfires on the ocean, alluring steamers, to the 'rescue,' they will cry wolf too often for the safety of other shipping that may really be in distress."

SABBATH AMUSEMENT .- It appears that on Sunday norning last, a dispute arose among sundry inmates of the Liberty Hall, on Mauna Kea street. It was prolonged by way of diversion throughout the day, and wound up at night by a smart pugilistic encoun ter among the disputants. One of them departed from the customary rales laid down by men of science, and summarily haid his opponent low by a cross blow of a stick thrown at him, striking across the upper portion of the face. The services of Dr. Guillou were called in question, who succeeded as far as possible in repairing the damage.

WANTED TO KNOW .- By the public universal in Honolulu and elsewhere, in what the audience were "enwrapped," during the delivery of Mr. H. A. Carter's Lecture, as stated by the Polynesian-whether it was in blankets, shawls, oil cloths, or in cast off editorials. We would advise our cotemporary to keep Webster at his elbow.

Boom and Provenes.—If the agetion sale last week was any criterion of the wants of Honolulu, it is clear that these articles are a drug here. We learn that the Books sold at about two-thirds, and the Pio-

House Society.—Agreeable to announcement, the Bethel, Thursday evening, November 17, Judge Robertson presiding. The Society having been call-ed to order, the Secretary, Dr. J. M. Smith, read the outes of the last annual meeting. Prayer was fered by Rev. E. Corwin, and the hymn was sung.

mencing thus: C. R. Bishop, Esq., the Treasurer, then present to following Report :

Honelulu Sailor's Home Society:
Since your Treasurer's last report, Nov. 22, 1858, the receipts and disbursements have been very small, as will appear by the account current annexed. Three hundred fifty-nine dollars and twelve cents (\$359 12) principal, of the "old debt," (the Society's acceptance,) and interest thereon up to date, \$42 50, making \$401 62, remains unpaid. Deduct from that \$12 25, the amount in the Treasurer's hands, and there remains a balance to be provided for of \$389 37. Of the contributions of oil, paint, etc., for painting the "Home" and of matters and things cenerally, the Executive Committee will report.

CHAS. R. BISHOP, Treasurer.

Sailor's Home Society, for Receipts and Disbursements Nov. 22, 1858, to Nov. 17, 1859. for lodgings..... 1859. iug. 12, by paid Wm. Eldridge for services, taking care of Reading Room. fm Nov. 1, 1858, to March 12, 1859, 19 weeks at \$2.

W. Fischer's bill for moving plano to Fort Street Church, for Concert, Nov. 19, 1868.

C. B. Wilder's bill, services as sex-" N. L. Fuller's bill of Sept. 30th for " J. C. Spalding's bill Aug. 16, paint, " 17 " Balance carried down.....

CHAS. R. BISHOP, Treas Honolule, Nov. 17th, 1829. The Report of the Executive Committee was read the Chairman, the Rev. S. C. Damon, from which appeared that the House was still holding on it eful career, under the efficient management of Mrs. hrum. Since the home was opened in September 856, over twelve hundred boarders have there found home and quiet resting place. The report dwelt pon the importance of the Reading Room and Desitory, as important auxiliaries in promoting the fulness of the institution. Multitudes of seamen, not discharged, and not boarding there, visit the lome, to write letters and obtain reading matter. Some interesting remarks were made by the Rev. Eli Corwin, who spoke of the character of seamen and the necessity of providing good boarding houses or them on shore. He closed with some practical narks to the business and commercial men of Honlu, in relation to their duty, and we only regret ne of them were not there to hear what he said A collection of fifty dollars was taken up, and the lowing gentlemen elected, as Trustees for the next three years, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution and Charter.

G. P. JUDD, M. D. Rev. S. C. DAMON, H. HACKFELD, Esq., C. R. BISHOP, ESQ., REV. E. CORWIN. JAMES BISSET, Esq., -Polynesian. DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.—On Saturday evening will be presented the beautiful operatic drama, Rob Roy, with all its appropriate scenery and appoint-

ments. Miss C. Hiffert, of the Alleghanians, will appear as the graceful and sprightly Diana Vernon, in which character, it is said, she has made quite an impression in New York and elsewhere. She will be suprorted by a first class talented company, among which are several parties belonging to this city who have kindly tendered there services on this occasion. We also understand that a pleasing musical Burletta is in active preparation to be produced on Monday next. It is written and got up expressly for Miss C. Hiffert, by a dramatic author, a gentleman now in Honolulu. We hope the exertions of the company to offer a few nights' good amusement to the public, will be appreciated by them.

ABOUT AS CORRECT AS USUAL .-New Engine.—We understand that "Mechanic Engine Co., No. 2." of the Honolulu Fire Department, has sent to San Francisco to purchase a new engine for that Company. Success to the Company; but we hope it is no disparagement to wish that the engine may never be wanted.

We find the above in the Polynesian of last Saturday. It gives the impression that the company are procuring an engine by their own efforts, which is not the fact. The money is furnished by the government, having been voted by the last Legislature. The company has sent, not to San Francisco, but to Boston, for one of Hunneman's best manufacture, and we have no doubt will obtain a superb machine.

EARTHQUAKE .- A severe shock of an earthquake occurred on Monday morning last, at 25 minutes past two o'clock, A. M., which lasted but a few seconds. It was felt by several persons, who were aroused by it. A gentleman who was awake at the time, says that the sensation felt was very similar to a person taking hold of another by the shoulders, and shaking him suddenly. His native cook was roused by it. and rushed into the house to inquire the cause. It is very seldom that an earthquake occurs on this island. We would like to have our correspondents at Hilo inform us, if any shock occurred there

GYMNASTICS.—The old Bungalow, where the Masonic ball was held, and which has remained empty for a long time, and is rapidly increasing in decay for want of a tenant, has at last been called into use by Mr. Chas. Derby, who is the pioneer in introducing in this city the healthful system of gymnastics. He has rented the Bungalow and is fitting it up so as to form a complete and perfect gymnasium. Its roomy and lofty interior render it a suitable and well-chosen arena for the cultivation of this poble and healthful science, which Mr. Derby is so well qualified to teach.

ANOTHER COASTER .- Another addition is made to our coasting fleet. . The schooner Henry, last from Fanning's Island, has been purchased by G. W. Macy, of Kawaihae, and will be placed on the Kawaihae and Kohala route under the command of Capt. McGregor. She is a staunch and roomy little vessel, and we loubt not will give satisfaction to her new owner, as her sailing qualities are very fair, and she is well adapted for the trade she is intended for. She was formerly the East Maui, but was lengthened and rebuilt at Fanning's Island.

FRENCH CONSUL FOR HONOLULU.-We copy th following item from the N. Y. News, of Oct. 5, which paper is the administration organ in New York of the American Government. The report is not confirmed by advices France : "T. A. Moerenhount, who has been French Consul

at Monterey for thirteen years, and distinguished himself by aiding the Americans in every possible as been transferred to the same post at Honolulu.

SCHOONER LIHOLIHO.—This favorite packet has been recently thoroughly overhauled and made alnost new. She has a new main mast, copper and rigging, and has been repainted inside and out. Her abin, too, has been much improved, and for comfort s equalled by nothing on the route. We notice that she has been provided with new patent anchors and very heavy chains, which add to her safety. In hort, Messrs. Harris & Co., appear to spare no exense to make her the finest coaster among the islands.

RICE CULTURE.—We would call the attention of hose who are interested in this subject, to the communication of Mr. Holstein in another column. We have received from him specimens of the grain grow-ing, and also the rice after having been cleaned. The latter has a darker appearance than any of the varieties imported, and it has been suggested that this may be attributable to the same cause that makes our eat of a darker appearance than foreign grown

Mone Boxes.—This week, Messrs Johnson & Pos-Mone Boxes.—This week, Messrs Johnson & Fos-ar, who have already successfully repaired several hips with boxes, have built two more; a large one for the ship Addison, and a small one for the Tem-sed, both being required to repair damages sustained, too the Safety those weeks. The more than are

a relic of the great circumnavigator, Capt Cook. It is a small trunk, about eighteen in long and six wide, and is a nice little re for letters, papers, &c. It was given by Captain Cook to an officer of one of the ships accompanying him in his expedition. He in turn pr it to the parties now possessing it, who value it as a memento of a great man.

IMPRISONED .- On Tuesday last eleven seamen belonging to the bark Covington were committed to prison, by order of Mr. Pratt, the American Consul. Their offense was, having in an improper manner refused to go on board their ship and perform their duty. The efficiency of bread and water, and worse than all, a failing in the supply of their favorite weed, will now be tested.

DESERTION .- The record at the Police Court shows a large number of seamen, deserters from whaleships during their stay here. It affords practice and employment for the police, who, in most cases, arrest them, and prove to the culprits that the attempt is not only unprofitable, but

FEED STORE .- We have at length what has long been needed-a flour and feed store. That there is business enough to support one no body doubts, and that Mr. A. D. Cartwright is just the man for it is equally certain. Mr. C. intends to keep on hand, as soon as supplies can be obtained, the California oat straw, which is vastly superior for horses to our native hay.

FROM JARVIS ISLAND .- By the courtesy of Dr. Judd, who received yesterday a letter from Capt. Russell of bark Ionia, dated at Kawaihae, we learn that the ship Ocean Express, Willis, arrived at Jarvis Island on the 20th of Oct., 12 days from Honolulu, and was loading at the rate of seventy tons a day. Capt. Russell left Jarvis Island Oct. 26, all well.

DRY Goops.-The fire proof store on Fort street lately occupied by C. Brewer, Esq., we notice, has been beautifully fitted up as a retail store by Mr. F. Spencer, who has well stocked it with choice and fancy goods. It makes one of the very finest stores in Honolulu.

A clipper ship, chartered to load guano, was expected to leave San Francisco by the 16th of Nov., touching at Honolulu for orders. It is therefore probable that we may receive a mail before the Palmer, which is not due till about the 12th to 16th December. Public Meeting .- We are requested to state that

public meeting will be held this evening at the Bethel, to take into consideration the education of female Hawaiians. Don't BE FRIGHTENED .- The new alarm bell Engine No. 2, will be rung on Saturday afternoon, at

4h o'clock, and will probably make a little noise. Those in want of good carriages, will find a couple at Cartwright's feed store, offered for sale 50 and upwards ears; when a half crop, or

Letter from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1, 1859. Mr. EDITOR :- The past month has been unusually 1750 pounds per acre. Every one knows that Se wiet, and nothing of a very startling character has curred since the date of my last communication. The newly-elected County officers have quietly taken ossession of their respective offices, and the State officers elect will assume their duties some time during the winter. General Williams, a State Senator from San Francisco, has resigned, and it will be necessary to hold a special election to fill the vacancy, crop, or \$15 per three crops, an acre of riceas very soon. As the notorious "Bulkhead Bill." which was killed last year in the Senate, will doubtless be brought up again this year, the election of a Senator will give the people of this city a good opportunity of expressing their wishes in regard to that bnoxious measure. It is thought best that a can-

Are becoming more and more popular every year, and their beneficial influence upon the agricultural interests of the country is very obvious. Following the great State Fair at Sacramento came the Annual Fair of the Horticultural Society of this County, which was held in San Francisco. Next came the exhibitions of our neighbors at Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties, in rapid succession. The Agricultural Society of San Mateo County is to come next on the list. The Fairs of the Alameda and Santa Clara Agricultural Societies, the former held at Oakland and the latter at San Jose-are spoken of as especially worthy of notice. In regard to the Oakland exhibition we can speak from observation; and we might relate some marvellous instances of the great size to which fruits and vegetables grow in California, but we refrain.

ARS VAL OF GEN. WINFIELD SCOTT. The San Juan dispute was deemed so serious by

the Washington authorities as to make it necessary to send out a man of marked ability, who would be likely to heal the difficulty, and accordingly no less a personage than General Scott, the Hero of Mexico, only in the hope that others who have tried, or was chosen for the mission. He, with characteristic energy, determined to start immediately; and news having been received in this city to that effect by the Overland Mail, preparations were made by the city authorities and the different military companies to give him a public reception on his arrival here. He arrived on the steamer Golden Age on Sunday, the 16th inst. As soon as the steamer was telegraphed, the military companies assembled, and marched to Folsom Street Wharf, to await her approach. As the steamer passed up the bay to her wharf, salutes were fired from the shore and vessels in the harbor. A grand triumphal arch, decked with green laurels, and inscribed with the names of the places in Mexico at which the General gained his chief victories, was turning them over the under side was literally of rected across Montgomery street, near Sacramento street, under which the procession passed. After being paraded about the streets some time, the General was escorted to the Oriental Hotel, where accommodations had been provided for him. Not less than forty thousand persons, old and young, turned out to relcome the Hero; and had it not been Sunday, doubtless a much larger number would have been out. The General left on the next day for San Juan Island on the steamer Northerner. A NEW U. S. SENATOR.

The vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. D. C. derick has at length been filled. It becomes the duty of the Governor, whenever a Senatorial vacancy occurs, to appoint a U. S. Senator, who shall act until the State Legislature shall elect some one to fill the office permanently. Governor Weller has appointed Hon. Henry P. Haun, of Yuba County, who will probably go to Washington by the steamer of the 5th o take the vacant chair of the lamented Broderick. THE MAILS.

Your readers will remember that in April last the ontract for carrying the mails from New York and New Orleans to San Francisco for nine months, commencing from October 5th, was awarded to one Daniel H. Johnson of New York. He engaged to transport the mails via Nicaragua, for \$162,000, inside of wenty-three days. Johnson has failed to ful!fil the entract, and it has been awarded to Vanderbilt. he mails are now carried by the opposition steamers via Panama. The annual cost of transporting the sails to the Pacific, by the ocean and overland routes, s as follows :

st. From New York and New Orleans, via Panama, to San Francisco, semi-monthly.

From St. Lotis and Memphis to San Francisc twice a week, in four-horse coaches.

From San Antonio, ny El Paso and Fort Yuma, San Diego, semi-monthly.

From St. Joseph to Salt Lake City (at \$125.00 and from Sat Lake City to Piscorville at (\$50.00

St. Louis. The mail which arrived here on the y owever, came through in twenty and a half de-ANOTHER FILIBUSTATING EXPEDITION

Has left New Orleans for Nicaragua with 0

Wm. Walker at its head. The reports which

reached us, so far, are very meager in regard to movement. The expedition sailed from New Or on the 4th October, having cluded the vigilar the authorities and sailing without a clearage is supposed that the late visit of General Walter this city had reference to the contemplated but nothing has transpired in regard to it

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. The Executive Committee of the Pacific Balls The Executive Committee of the Pacific Bullows
Convention has recently presented a report advisor the immediate formation of a Company for the papers of building a railroad from San Francisco Stockton, via San Jose, as a beginning of the presented that the present of the pres enterprise. The whole Press, with a few execution advocates the proposition to incur a State debt of a eastern borders of the State.

The contractors of the Pacific and Atlantic To graph expect to complete their line as far at Angeles by March next. About the same time telegraph from St. Louis to Port Smith will be a pleted, which will place us within ten day a graphic communication with St. Louis Two Italian gentlemen, Signori Orio and Cale Milan, arrived here a few days since from Shape. in the French ship Marie, with a lot of eggs of a

Chinese silk worm, which they propose taking be with them to Italy, to repair the damage cared the silk interest of that country by an epidemic will has lately raged among the silk worms through Europe. They leave with their valuable freight the steamer of Nov. 5th. Large quantities of silver ore are constantly be

prought to this city from the recently a At last accounts General Scott was at Port for send, W. T. General Harney was evidently in

displeased at the advent of his superior, regarding as a slur on his official character Bees are becoming quite plenty now in California They are worth, at present, \$100 per hive A Mechanical and Agricultural College has h

stablished at Healdsburg, Sonoma County, who young men can be educated with special reference nechanical or agricultural pursuits. The steamers John L. Stephens and Orin brought to our shores 1800 passengers. The Stente

connected with the Collins steamer Baltic, and we ed one day and a half in advance of the Orizale Yours, &c., Nersen Rice and its Cultivation.

MR. EDITOR :- I take the liberty to send read root of rice, the produce of one grain of seels

August 5th. If any doubts should exist still in m mind, as to the probability that rice will become some future day, the main staple production of the islands. I hope that this sample will assist in en ling your doubts. As far as I am enabled to in from a two years' experience in rice culture, I be any other country on the globe to be as produ in rice as the Sandwich Islands. When one er a tains from 200 to 230 grains, and one root from 15 noxious weeds, exposed to the influence of black winds, will yield 2000 pounds per acre and it three crops per year, I believe I am not at all a reasonable in the assertion, that no other country the world can beat these islands in the production rice. Watson sets down the average crop of rice Carolina produces only one crop per year. An this, these islands would yield in three half emp thousand pounds, or in three full crops 12,000 per per year to one acre, to every acre of land plants sugar or cotton, without reckoning the heavy and employed in the establishment, come up to cost of the profits of an acre of rice. For five dollars worked. I doubt if an acre of sugar-case on worked and put through the mill for less than ! without reckoning the wear and tear of animals farm implements. There are thousands of sem-

to support a population estimated then at 400. didate should be chosen, without reference to any party, who shall stand or fall according to the Bulk-

While these lands lie waste, they are perfectly u less even as pasture: if worked and planted in it they would yield golden harvests. Our people s either otherwise employed or too lazy to respen where they did not sow. The fiat has already forth, that the inheritance of the native is lost stranger will gather the golden harvest from the ground, enriched by the bones of the departed on There are hundreds in California and the United States, who with a small capital would be but in glad to become successful rice planters in this on try. If they but knew that one years' crop we pay for the land, pay expenses and leave still a pr fit, I am certain that many would make these islan their future home, develop its rich resources,

kalo lands lying waste all over these islands, per

ten thousand, which in the times of Cant Cook b

Yours, &c., Manager of Royal Haw. Agricul. Society's Gard Cotton Culture at Wailuku.

work the neglected kalo patches, those black me

holes, as the inexhaustible mines of wealth and ride

That it may be so, I sincerely hope.

MR. EDITOR :- As I have been announced in Ju periodical as a veritable cotton planter, or about b be one, I may as well begin to report. But I do trying a similar experiment, may be induced to pa the results of their efforts, or at least make the selves known by correspondence, that the experies of one may benefit the whole.

Hitherto, I have received very little help from the experience of others. My field of one acre is a si soil and rather poor, and lies inclined so that water to which it lies fair runs a swift stream

About in May last I commenced planting one-had with native seed, and one quarter each with island and New Orleans cotton. The whole came up quick and well, but many days had not els before the seed leaves were observed to wilt, and a ed with plant-lice (aphis.) Of course, nearly whole was soon dead. A second planting fared it better, but was probably killed mainly by the see

ing rays of a June sun. _ Another planting was killed by improper wa and several times the young plants have been by the wire worm. Parts of my field hate planted eight times, and must be planted yet ap as they are not yet stocked with plants. first planting is now in bearing and seem to do The New Orleans, though a prolific bearer, yields

The sea island produces smaller pods, bu ple is long, fine and strong, and is easily separate from the seed. Both kind are probably modified by the climate, and may in process of h become quite different from what they are now.

The greatest hindrances as yet to cotton cult have found to be, the red spider, the aphis and fi scale louse, as the natives aptly term it. i.e. the cous. The wire worm and the cut worm in their son are great pests. But when the winter rais in, and the season of the cut worm has passed, I pect to have better success.

WAILURU, Maui, November 17, 1859.

Mr. Spurgeon's New Tabernacte.—The tion stone of Mr. Spurgeon's new tabernacte in London on Tuesday, Aug. 16th, by Sir S. M. P. The building will be capable of he audience of 5000 persons, and on the grouthere will be schools for the accommodation children. The cost is estimated at £25,0